

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-849

November 17, 1998

BANGOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPANY  
Request to Construct a Transmission Line  
of 100 or More Kilovolts Between Veazie and  
Orrington

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

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On November 2, 1998, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company (BHE) notified the Commission of its intent to file a petition for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 115 kV transmission line between the Graham substation in Veazie and the Orrington substation in Orrington, Maine. BHE stated that the third line between the Graham substation and the Orrington substation will be required to provide adequate capacity to allow the Maine Independence Station, a 520 megawatt gas-power generating plant now under construction, to be connected to the New England Power Grid.

BHE stated that the Company expected that line construction will begin in the summer of 1999 and will be completed by the end of 1999. The length of the line will be approximately 7.25 miles and the route will most likely follow the 2 existing 115 kV lines. BHE states that such a route would be the most direct route and will help minimize environmental and visual impacts.

BHE estimates the cost of the line to be \$3.8 million. BHE anticipates that the line will be classified as a Pool Transmission Facility and therefore be supported financially by NEPOOL. It is also expected that one-half of the construction costs will be borne directly by Maine Independence Station.

The Commission will conduct an adjudicatory proceeding in order to determine whether to grant BHE's petition for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct the 115 kV transmission line between Veazie and Orrington. Any person who wishes to participate in this adjudicatory proceeding as a party must file a petition to intervene with the Commission's administrative director, Public Utilities Commission, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine, 04333-0018 by **December 1, 1998**. Copies of the petition should also be sent to Andrew Landry, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, 33 State Street, P.O. Box 932, Bangor, Maine, 04401. Petitions to intervene must be in writing and must state the name and the docket number of this proceeding and the manner in which you are affected by the proceeding. Your petition must also include a short and plain statement of the nature and the extent of the participation that you seek, and a statement of the nature of the evidence and argument that you intend to present.

Objections to any petition to intervene must be filed no later than December 8, 1998.

Attached to this Notice is a newspaper notice that will be published in the newspaper of general circulation in BHE's service territory. This Notice will be sent to persons on the service list in Docket No. 97-596.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 17th day of November, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

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James A. Buckley

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You may request that your name be added to the mailing list as an interested person. If your name is added to the mailing list as an interested person, you will receive notice of the time and place of any hearings, including public witness hearings, held in this case.

THE COMMISSION WILL NOT PUBLISH ANY FURTHER NEWSPAPER NOTICES OF THIS PROCEEDING OR OF ANY HEARINGS THAT WILL BE HELD IN THIS PROCEEDING.

If you need more information or have questions, write to Administrative Director at the above address or call 287-3831.